



CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Approve Request For Proposals for services to provide routing and siting evaluation, alternative and right-of-way analyses, issue identification, cost/benefit studies, and other related recommendations for a potential transmission line interconnection to White Slough Water Pollution Control Facility (EUD)

MEETING DATE: May 2, 2007

PREPARED BY: Electric Utility Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve request for proposals for services to provide routing and siting evaluation, alternative and right-of-way analyses, issue identification, cost/benefit studies, and other related recommendations for a potential transmission line interconnection to White Slough Water Pollution Control Facility.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Since 1988, Electric Utility Department (EUD) has conducted a number of engineering and transmission routing studies for a direct electrical interconnection to the West.

Staff proposes to update prior work related to a possible transmission interconnection to the West. This effort is especially timely given EUD's current involvement in a planned 255mw generating unit ("New Lodi Project") to be located at White Slough adjacent to the existing "Steam Injected Turbine" (STIG) generating unit. Preliminary review indicated that new transmission from White Slough to the EUD distribution system would provide significant cost and reliability benefits. The installation of the transmission line will be coordinated with the construction schedule of the new power plant presently scheduled for 2011.

The construction of new transmission lines entail activities requiring lengthy execution, adjustment, and repetitive negotiation and coordination in routing and siting activities caused by securing right-of-ways and easements. Therefore, staff is requesting City Council approval of the request for proposal for the stated transmission line services.

FISCAL IMPACT: Activity is proposed in EUD's fiscal year 2007/08 budget. The initial estimated cost is \$100,000. No funds will be expended prior to fiscal year 2008.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: Bond proceeds are allocated in Account No. 1611082.

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